

AGENDA
NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON LEVEE SAFETY
REVIEW TEAM MEETING TWO

DECEMBER 12, 2008

NATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER
MEETING ROOM 3770
18980 UPPER BELMONT PLACE
LANSLOWNE, VA 20176

MEETING OBJECTIVE: For the Review Team to provide feedback and perspectives on the proposed draft recommendations from the National Committee on Levee Safety.

9:00AM – 9:15AM

WELCOME AND AGENDA OVERVIEW

Linda Manning, Facilitator, will provide a brief overview of the meeting agenda and facilitate introductions of Committee members and Review Team members.

9:15AM – 9:45AM

OVERVIEW OF COMMITTEE MISSION AND PROCESS

Eric Halpin, Vice Chair of the National Committee on Levee Safety, will discuss:

- The Committee's mission and vision
- How feedback from the October 30th Review Team Meeting was incorporated
- Overview of the process for developing recommendations
- Future activities

9:45AM – 10:45AM

COMPONENTS OF A NATIONAL LEVEE SAFETY PROGRAM

National Levee Safety Commission – Karin Jacoby, Kansas City, MO
(Page 6)

State Delegation of Programs – Mike Stankiewicz, State of New York
(Pages 7 – 10, 30 – 35)

Questions for Review Team:

- Which is preferable: fewer, but stronger, state programs or requirements for every state to have a levee safety program?
- Are minimum qualification requirements reasonable compared to benefits/incentives?
- Are the lists of incentives and disincentives meaningful?

Aligning Federal Programs – Mike Stankiewicz
(Pages 37 – 39)

Questions for Review Team

- Do changes to the NFIP, CRS and other federal programs dilute the effectiveness of those programs? Is the return on modification positive?

- *Are there other federal programs with which the national levee safety program should align?*

10:45AM – 11:00AM

BREAK

11:00AM – 11:45AM

UNDERSTANDING THE NATION’S LEVEES: DEVELOPING A COMMON SET OF STANDARDS

Overview of interim and final standards: Les Harder, Private Sector
(Pages 13 – 16, 27 – 29)

11:45AM – 12:30PM

COMMUNICATING RISK TO GOVERNMENTS AND AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

Risk communication and outreach components of the recommendations: Robert Turner, State of Louisiana
(Pages 22 – 26)

Question for Review Team:

- *What would best inform our discussion about how to change behavior regarding residual risk?*

12:30PM – 1:30PM

LUNCH IN THE CAFETERIA

1:30PM – 2:00PM

GOVERNANCE MODEL FOR NATIONAL LEVEE SAFETY PROGRAM

Functional governance recommendations: Karin Jacoby
(Pages 11 – 12)

Questions for Review Team:

- *Would creating an independent commission have advantages over embedding a national levee safety program in an existing federal agency?*
- *What are the benefits of combining a national levee safety program with a dam safety program under a single governance structure? If it is beneficial, why?*
- *Are there other programmatic structures or ideas to consider?*

2:00PM – 2:30PM

LIABILITY CONCERNS RELATED TO LEVEE SAFETY

Emerging concerns related to liability issues for levee owners and engineering firms: Steve Verigin, Private Sector
(Pages 40 – 41)

2:30PM – 3:00PM

ESTABLISH NATIONAL LEVEE REHABILITATION, IMPROVEMENT AND FLOOD MITIGATION ACT

Overview of the Act: Don Basham, Private Sector
(Pages 39 – 40)

3:00PM – 3:30PM

BREAK

4:00PM – 4:15PM

OVERVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

Overview of the timeline and program budget: Eric Halpin
(Pages 42 – 43)

4:15PM – 5:00PM

OVERALL COMMENTS

The Review Team will have an opportunity to provide comments on the recommendations as a whole.

5:00PM

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